

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Preliminary Report estimating Wool Production, 1937-38.

ESTIMATED WOOL PRODUCTION, 1937-38 - 83,500,000 lbs, Value £4,000,000.

ESTIMATED SHEEP, 31/12/37 - No. 8,800,000.

PREVIOUS RECORDS. Wool 79,288,903 lbs. in 1933-34.
Sheep 7,945,745 in 1935.

I. ESTIMATED NUMBER OF SHEEP. The actual count 31st December 1936 or thereabouts of 7,905,112, plus net Imports and 1937 lambing less Slaughtering and Mortality gives an estimate at 31st December 1937 or thereabouts of approximately 8,800,000 sheep. The particulars are -

- (a) Interstate Transfers - Imports 458,224; Exports 77,004;
Net Imports 381,220.
- (b) Lambing 1937 - Estimated markings 2,550,000
- (c) 1937 Slaughtering - 1,625,000 and Mortality losses 400,000.

II. ESTIMATED WOOL PRODUCTION. Grand Total 83,500,000 (76,604,296) lbs., increase nearly 7,000,000 lbs. - compiled as follows -

- (a) Wool-Clip. 8,350,000 (7,940,476) sheep and lambs are estimated to have been shorn, the wool-clip including crutchings &c. being 73,500,000 (66,743,386) lbs. averaging per fleece 8.80 (£.41) lbs.

- (b) Fellmongered and on skins exported - Estimated 10,000,000 (9,860,910) lbs.

III. ESTIMATED WOOL AVAILABLE FOR SALE. The carry forward from the 1936-37 season of 1,500,000 lbs. plus the estimated wool-clip of 73,500,000 lbs. and Imports from other States 15,000,000 lbs. for season 1937-38 make a grand total of 90,000,000 lbs. Of this total, 16,000,000 lbs. have been exported to other States, a proportion of same first passing through the Adelaide Sales.

IV. VALUES. The previous Season's Wool Production was valued at £4,360,062 averaging 13.66d. per lb. greasy. The Adelaide Sales of this season's Wool from July 1937 to February 1938 have averaged 12.22d. per lb. but the recent sale only averaged 10.3d. per lb. At an average price of 11.50d. per lb., the whole Wool Production is estimated to realise £4,000,000 a decrease of approximately £360,000 on the previous season.

V. SUMMARY OF STATE'S WOOL PRODUCTION IN THE GREASE.

Season ended June 30th	Aver. weight per Fleece lbs.	Wool Production and Value				Aver. per lb. greasy d.
		Shorn and Crutchings lbs.	On skins and Fellmongered lbs.	Grand Total lbs.	Estimated Value £	
1933	8.60	65,154,632	10,573,314	75,727,946	2,309,702	7.32
1934	8.34	67,668,282	11,620,621	79,288,903	4,506,253	13.64
1935	8.43	68,547,294	9,243,639	77,790,933	2,654,616	8.19
1936	8.76	70,912,985	10,796,455	81,709,440	4,058,236	11.92
1937	8.41	66,743,386	9,860,910	76,604,296	4,360,062	13.66
x 1938	8.80	73,500,000	10,000,000	83,500,000	4,000,000	11.50

x 1937-38 is estimated, subject to final revision.

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